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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: )  
Inventor's name(s): Kenji ITOH et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1762  
Serial No. 09/412,510 ) Examiner: M. Padgett  
Filed: October 5, 1999 )  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 11, 2001 and further to the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the first sentence of the specification and insert --This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/604,713, now U.S. Patent No. 6,001,431, filed February 21, 1996, which itself is a continuation of U.S. Appln. Serial No. 08/173,961, filed December 28, 1993, now abandoned.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 18, and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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